provide rail link to Imphal *via* Jiribam instead of Dipu-Karrong. The issue is being examined in the Railway Ministry.

Survey of Raipur-Visakhapatnam Rail Track

3533. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of suitability of Raipur-Visakhapatnam track, for introducing a Superfast Express for the benefit of the people of coastal Andhra Pradesh, has been conducted;

(b) whether it is a fact that trains are presently running between Delhi and Visakhaptanam *via* Raipur;

(c) whether these trains are extremenly slow and unpunctual;

(d) if so, whether any effort would be made to improve the journey time of trains between Delhi and Visakhaptnam *via* Raipur; and

(e) what would be minimum requirements to make this route viable and user-friendly, for the benefit of passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Superfast trains are already running on Vijaynagram- Visakhapatnam section, which is a part of Raipur-Visakhapatnam section.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arsie.

(e) Most of the basic amenities are already existing at stations on Raipur-Visakhapatnam route. However, further improvements are being made gradually to make this route user-friendly.

Derailment of Simhadri Express

3534. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of derailment of Simhadri Express at Chagallu village in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that a slow moving train derailed, without any seemingly technical lapse;

(c) whether any preliminary enquiry has been held into this accident;

(d) if so, what were the findings thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that relief took four hours to reach the accident site; and

(0 the reasons for this delay and slow relief work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) On 4.8.2000 at about 10.46 hrs., five coaches of 7248 Simhadri Express train derailed between Kovvur-Chagallu station of Vijayawada Division, South Central Railway.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The enquiry has been completed and as per final findings of the enquiry committee, this accident occurred due to track defect.

(e) No, Sir. Medical relief train from Rajahmundry reached the site in 1 hour and 15 minutes time.

(0 Does not arise.

Rail accidents

† 3535. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and details of rail accidents which took place during the last five years;

(b) what are the names of enquiry committees constituted after these accidents, the details of conclusions of reports of those committees and the action taken thereon; and

(c) what were the human and technical reasons of those accidents and what process was adopted for improvement and punishment?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.